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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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Group Art Unit: 1615

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Examiner: Azpuru, Carlos A.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of one month, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of October 5, 2005 to January 5, 2006.

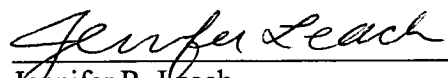
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